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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Retirement of Dr. Musgrave.

In pursuance of the order of the Board, we publish in the *Record* the following:—

At a meeting of the Board held on the 14th of March, the following letter was received, viz:—

MISSION HOUSE, 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Feb 28th, 1870.

TO THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS:

Rev. and Dear Brethren,—As our fiscal year terminates this day, I avail myself of the occasion to inform the Board officially that it is my desire and purpose to retire from the office of Corresponding Secretary as soon as the new Board is organized. The brethren must excuse me for still crying "*nunc demittis,*" as the infirmities of age cannot be relieved by classical allusions, nor obviated by the eloquent counsels of partial friends. The truth is, that I can no longer endure the labours and cares of the office without exhausting the measure of physical strength that yet remaineth. Besides, it is my conviction that a younger and more active man should supply my place, when the United Church enters upon the enlarged work which will be demanded of it.

I rejoice in being able to say that the Board is in a perfectly sound and highly prosperous condition financially. During the first nine months of the present fiscal year, the receipts were considerably diminished; but during the last three months they have been much larger than was anticipated, and we shall commence the new year with a good working balance in hand, which will enable the Board to carry on its operations without embarrassment, and meet punctually all its liabilities as they mature. The appropriations during the year were over \$143,000, which is \$30,000 more than the year preceding. The number of missionaries employed during the year was 613, which is 67 more than the previous year. All the missionaries who have reported have been punctually and fully paid; and there is a balance of over \$65,000 in the treasury, with which to sustain the missionaries now in commission, and to continue, as we are doing, to add to their number.

I feel under great obligations to the Board, and especially to the Executive Committee, for their uniform courtesy and cordial co-operation. To the Treasurer of

the Board I am also greatly indebted for his valuable assistance, and likewise to the clerk in the office, who has acted as my amanuensis. I shall part with all my associates with sincere regret, and shall ever cherish the remembrance of their kindness and assistance with profound gratitude.

Praying the Great Head of the Church to continue to bless the Board and all its officers, and to prosper yet more abundantly the unspeakably important work of home missions, I remain, with profound respect and affection, fraternally yours,

G. W. MUSGRAVE.

After the reading of the foregoing letter, the Board unanimously adopted the following preamble and resolutions, viz :

Whereas, The Rev. Dr. Musgrave has officially informed the Board that, on account of the infirmities of age, he "can no longer endure the labours and cares of the office without exhausting the measure of physical strength that yet remaineth," it is his desire and purpose to retire from the office of Corresponding Secretary so soon as the new Board is organized ; therefore

Resolved, 1. That it is with profound regret we have heard the announcement of our beloved and faithful Secretary, that it is his desire and purpose to retire ; as we had fondly hoped to secure his invaluable services in the Board of the United Church.

Resolved, 2. That we bear our united testimony to the judicious, prompt, and efficient manner in which the responsible duties of the office have been conducted ; and we would recognize the fact that when these duties were assumed, the treasury was empty and the Board in debt, and that by the earnest and stirring appeals of the Secretary to the Church at large, a generous and noble response was given by increased contributions, so that the Board, with the Divine blessing, has been able to meet all its liabilities, and largely to extend its operations.

Resolved, 3. That we give thanks to the Head of the Church for the long and useful life, and abundant labours of our faithful and honoured Secretary, who expects so soon to retire from this office ; and our prayer is that his highest anticipations for the future of our beloved Zion in this country be fully realized, and that in the evening of his life he may experience more than ever the preciousness of the Master's promise—"Lo, I am with you alway."

Resolved, 4. That the letter of Dr. Musgrave and the foregoing resolutions of the Board be entered in full upon our Minutes ; that a copy of the resolutions be transmitted to him ; and that the letter and resolutions be published in the papers of the Church.

Attest,

J. ADDISON HENRY, *Rec. Sec.*

Good Results in Illinois.

Dear Sir,—My special report was forwarded about two weeks ago. The fourth quarter of my second year having expired, I now respectfully report that during the quarter last past, the churches to which I minister have been visited with a gracious out-pouring of the Holy Spirit. The members have been greatly refreshed ; their faith, love, and zeal increased and stimulated. Sinners have been converted and added to the church. From the 20th of January to the 20th of February I conducted thirty-six public meetings, preached twenty-eight times, lead all the singing exercises in all the meetings, received into the church thirty persons on examination and three on certificate, baptized thirteen adults and thirteen children, and administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. I am happy to say that our prospects are brightening. Our hold on the community is steadily gaining.

And although we lost seriously during the last year by deaths and removals, yet our gains are considerable, though less, perhaps, financially than otherwise. The spiritual condition of the churches is better than ever before. I have been solicited to change my field of labour to points where the labour would be less arduous and more remunerative financially. But in view of the interesting state of the work here, and in view of the unanimous and urgent request of both churches, I have consented to remain here, if "the Board" can continue to aid in my support.

The petition of the churches will reach you through the proper channel, in which they pray for an appropriation from your "Board" for the coming year, equal to that of the last. If that can be granted, my opinion is, that afterwards they would not need to ask so much.

Praying for the divine blessing upon yourself, the "Board," and the whole Church, I remain Rev. and Dear Sir, your brother in Christ, ———.

Report from Kansas.

I have been preaching at the various places mentioned in my last report. Our Sabbath-schools in country places generally suspend through the winter, but in a short time will resume their duties again. Various kinds of temperance societies are in existence throughout the bounds of our Presbytery, and in many places intemperance is checked to a considerable extent, but in other portions it prevails greatly, but I think it is on the decrease. We are trying to train the public mind to a more healthy action in regard to the cause of temperance. I am fully persuaded that the cause of religion is gaining strength every where. There have been tokens of the Divine presence in several places. For three or four weeks during the winter months there was a very interesting state of things in the church at Highland, and I had the privilege of being present for a few days and assisting to some extent. Between twenty and thirty men were seriously impressed, but how many joined the church after I left I have not learned. I had to leave, to my regret, in order to fill other appointments. Our congregations are generally well attended and solemn. I think there is a readiness on the part of professing Christians in all our churches out here, to comply with the wishes and plans of the committee appointed by the General Assembly on systematic beneficence in contributing to the various Boards of our Church. I am constrained to believe that the meager contributions of our churches are owing, in a considerable extent, to the want of attention on the part of the ministry. Ministers are afraid the people will say, they are preaching for money. I am endeavouring to present the matter of systematic beneficence to churches, and they appear to be willing to engage in the good cause. I am fully persuaded the contributions of our churches out here will be considerably increased in the present and coming years. May God of his infinite mercy put it into the hearts of his people to come up fully to this great work. My dear brother, I feel great regret that you have to resign your place as Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions. We feel grateful to you for your stirring appeals to the churches in behalf of the cause of Christ, and for your sacrifices and efforts in the advancement of his blessed kingdom. We thank you for your services in this good cause, and hope that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon you and your efforts through subsequent life.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN MARCH, 1870.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Schenectady 2d ch 14; Little Falls ch 1 50; Northville ch 6; Northampton ch 6; Albany 1st ch 278 42. *Pby of Troy*—Ninth ch, Troy 15; Cambridge ch 31 50
352 42

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny City*—Millvale ch 4 70; Allegheny Central ch 178 88. *Pby of Beaver*—Pulaski ch 9 50. *Pby of Erie*—Gravel Run ch 4 44
197 52

SYNOD OF ATLANTIC.—*Pby of Catawba*—Charlotte coloured ch 10 60; Mission field of Rev J A Chesfield 5; Statesville ch 5
20 60

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Baltimore 12th ch 65. *Pby of Carlisle*—Gettysburg ch 50 49; Female Miss'y Soc'y, of Upper Path Valley ch 71 71. *Pby of Concord*—Keem's Creek ch 2 65; Duncan's Creek ch 4 25; David-son's River ch 2. *Pby of Lewes*—Snow Hill ch 11 50. *Pby*

of Potomac—Bridge St ch, Georgetown 69 02;
Seventh St ch, Washington 50 326 62

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Rochester City*—
Phelps ch Sab-sch 30; Seneca ch 53 42 83 42

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Chicago*—Wyoming
ch 8. *Pby of Schuyler*—Macomb ch 14. *Pby of
Warren*—Oquawka Junction ch 4 26 00

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Ger-
man ch. Chillicothe 7; Red Oak ch, from Chas
Kirkpatrick 10; Belfast ch, from Wm Stover 2.
Pby of Cincinnati—Bethel ch 9 67; Glendale ch
15 95. *Pby of Miami*—Monroe ch 13; Springfield
1st ch 39 59; Franklin ch 14. *Pby of Oxford*—
Harmony ch 17; Bethel ch 7; Reiley ch 8. *Pby
of Sidney*—Troy ch 12 75; St Mary's ch 4 27
160 23

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Dwight
ch 5 75; Omega ch 11; Monticello ch 5; Chats-
worth ch 18. *Pby of Sangamon*—Springfield 1st
ch 112 46 152 21

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Madison*—Donaldson
ch 2. *Pby of White Water*—Richmond 1st ch 20;
Mt Carmel ch 9 31 00

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Fort Dodge*—Unity ch
8 10. *Pby of Frankville*—West Union ch 3 11 10

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Highland*—Washing-
ton ch 2; Waterville ch 2 4 00

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Transylvania*—
Danville 2d ch 175 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Lafayette*—Fair-
view ch 8 36. *Pby of Palmyra*—Laclede ch 5.
Pby of St Louis—Welsh ch, St Louis 12 25 36

SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.—*Pby of Austin*—Galveston
Ger ch 15. *Pby of Holston*—Pleasant Forest and
Ebenezer chs 10; Baker's Creek ch 18 50 43 50

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Bur-
lington ch Sab-sch 64 25; Mt Holly ch, add'l 5.
Pby of Elizabethtown—Metuchen 1st ch Sab-sch
102. *Pby of Luzerne*—Pittston ch 200; White
Haven ch 7; Eckley ch 14. *Pby of Monmouth*—
Janesburg ch 42 21; Shrewsbury ch 37 21; Port
Washington ch Sab-sch 9. *Pby of Newton*—Middle
Smithfield ch 11 50. *Pby of Passaic*—Flanders
ch 8. *Pby of Raritan*—Fairmount ch 12. *Pby
of Susquehanna*—Wyalusing ch 5; Herrick ch 5;
Wyalusing 2d ch 31 40 of which Sab-sch 11 40
553 57

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—South
Salem ch, from Mrs Elizabeth Hayes 200; South-
east Centre ch 36 15. *Pby of Hudson*—Good Will
ch 75; Florida ch, mo coll'n 6 75. *Pby of Long
Island*—Satauket ch 25; Fresh Pond ch 14. *Pby
of New York*—University Place ch, New York
2,273 67; Clarkstown Ger ch 5 10; Ebenezer ch
100; Stony Point ch 12; Rev E C Wines, D.D.,
10; Chelsea ch 6 88; German ch, New York 15.
Pby of New York 2d—Teneff ch 95; Westminster
ch, New York 10; West Farms ch 5 2,889 55

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Logans-
port*—Remington ch 8; Goodland ch 2. *Pby
of Muncie*—Hagerstown ch 5 15 00

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Hocking*—Athens 1st ch
23. *Pby of Wooster*—Chippewa ch 6 25 29 25

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Oregon*—Eugene City
ch 1 87. *Pby of Stockton*—Ione City ch 5. *Pby
of Puget Sound*—Steilacoom ch 5 11 87

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Huntingdon*—
Bellefonte ch 217; Sinking and Spring Creek
chs 140. *Pby of New Castle*—White Clay
Creek and Head of Christiana chs 20; Lower
West Nottingham ch 31 32. *Pby of Northumber-
land*—Bald Eagle and Nittany ch 46 88. *Pby of
Philadelphia*—Philadelphia 15th ch 17 30; West
Spruce St ch, from Robert Stewart Davis, Esq 10;
6th ch, Philadelphia 32 60; 1st African ch, Phila-
delphia 2 50; Gloucester ch 6 10; 9th ch, Phila-
delphia 33. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Cohock-
sink ch Sab-sch 59 65; North ch 259 81, of which
mo coll'n 83 10; Hestonville ch 10. *Pby of Phila-
delphia 2d*—Pottstown ch 35 921 16

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—La-
trobe ch 54 31. *Pby of Clarion*—Brookville ch
25; Greenville ch 8; Licking ch, add'l 84 cts.
Pby of Ohio—Bethany ch 63. *Pby of Redstone*—

Round Hill ch 70; Sewickley ch 22 10. *Pby of
Saltsburg*—Cherry Run ch 12 25; Mahoning ch
10 267 50

SYNOD OF ST PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—La Crosse
1st ch, in part 11. *Pby of St Paul*—Judson ch 5.
Pby of S Minnesota—Stewartville ch 3; Chester
ch 2; Austin ch 11 32 00

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Patterson,
Forest and Blanchard chs 7. *Pby of Michigan*—
Bennington ch, from Mrs Depue 2; Woodhull ch
6 65 15 65

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—
Leon ch 6; Decatur City ch 4. *Pby of Iowa*—
Fort Madison ch, add'l 5; Westminster ch, Keo-
kuk 108 90. *Pby of Missouri River*—Pawnee City
ch 5; Freemont ch 5 133 90

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Salem
ch 33; Madison ch 6 50; East Palestine ch 3 40.
Pby of St Clairsville—Bellair ch 68; Wegee ch 7;
Short Creek ch 29; Wheeling Valley ch 14; York
ch 12; New Athens ch 9; Kirkwood ch 19 09.
Pby of Steubenville—East Springfield ch 15; Is-
land Creek ch 30. *Pby of Washington*—Allen
Grove ch 7; Wolf Run ch 6; Washington 1st ch,
mo coll'n 15 70 274 69

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Oregon ch
8 00

Total received from churches, \$6,761 37

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Andrew Patterson, dec'd
late of Mercer Co, Pa 100, less col inh tax 5 = 95;
Legacy (in full) of Rev Isaac Coe, dec'd, late of
Ohio 1000; Estate of Mrs Susan H Thorne, dec'd,
late of Carlisle, Pa, residuary legacy 1,263 50;
Legacy of Isaac Z Longacre, dec'd, late of West-
moreland Co, Pa, 1,000, less taxes 167 = 893;
Legacy of Mrs Mary C Donaldson, dec'd, late
of Philadelphia, Pa 500; Legacy of Mrs Mary S
Larimer, dec'd, late of Westmoreland Co, Pa
417 03 (in specie) = 468 11 4,219 61

MISCELLANEOUS.—Interest 150; C Boggs, Moon,
Pa 2; E P J, a reader of the "Record" 1; E C K,
Plainfield, N J 50 cts; D M L, Annapolis, Md 30;
Rev C D Roberts, Smartsville, Cal 5; "S" 10;
A Friend, in Rockford, Ill 13; "Empire Sab-sch,"
Pa 10; Six months' interest on Permanent Mis-
sionary Fund, from the Trustees of the General
Assembly 464 83 686 33

Total Receipts in March, 1870, \$11,667 31

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

1 box from the ladies of the Central ch, Gen-
eseo, N Y, valued at 75 00
1 box from the ladies of Park ch, Erie, Pa,
valued at 252 79
2 boxes from the ladies Missionary Sewing
Society of Princeton 1st ch, N J, valued at 522 00
1 box from the ladies of Trenton 1st ch, N J,
valued at 181 00
13 boxes from the ladies of Central ch, Phila-
delphia, Pa, valued at 2,754 69
1 box from the ladies of Calvary ch, Newburgh,
N Y, valued at 150 00
2 boxes from the ladies of West Spruce St ch,
Philadelphia, Pa, valued at 769 78

\$4,705 26

MISSION HOUSE.

No. 907 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Cor. Secretary—REV. G. W. MUSGRAVE, D.D.

Treasurer—SAMUEL D. POWEL.

LETTERS relating to Missionary Appointments
and other operations of the Board, should be ad-
dressed to the Corresponding Secretary, No. 907
Arch street, Philadelphia. Letters relating to the
pecuniary affairs of the Board, or containing re-
mittances of money, should be sent to S. D.
POWEL, Esq., Treasurer—same address.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTHOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

“The Permanent Education Committee” of the late “Other Branch” of the Church.

It was with great difficulty and amidst much “scepticism, indifference, misapprehension, prejudice and contempt,” as one of its reports stated, that our brethren disentangled themselves from the influence of extraneous voluntary societies, and planted themselves upon the plain and firm Presbyterian foundation. The “Permanent Committee on Education” was established by the General Assembly of 1856, but was not fully organized until the next Assembly, when a plan was agreed upon and set in operation. This was found to be imperfect, and it was not until 1862 that “it found itself with a well-matured plan; in the possession of the field it was intended to occupy with a single limited exception,” and enabled to make its “Seventh Annual Report, but *really the First*,” “showing what it is adapted to do.” It then announced as its fundamental principle, “*That the organization of the Presbyterian Church was wisely suited to, and should be used for evangelistic operations, and that the chief reliance for working it should be, not on the agencies of organizations from without, but on the development of a true Christian and Church life from within.*” The next year it was able to show that the “results have most happily confirmed this position, and with gratitude to God” it presented in proof various facts as to what had been accomplished. The Committee reported in 1862, a total of 85 young men under its care; in 1863, 101; in 1864, 87; in 1865, 99; in 1866, 135; in 1867, 145; in 1868, 205. There were in the year 1869, a total of 210; of whom 57 were *new* students.

The number of churches contributing to Education was in 1867, 334 out of 1560 in all; in 1868, 271 out of 1590; in 1869, it was 372 out of 1631.

There has been in some years a deficiency in the funds necessary to meet the wants of the Committee. The receipts of \$5,902 in 1862, only enabled it to pay “to theological students at the rate of \$62,50 per annum, and collegiate and academical students at the rate of \$50.” In 1866 it was able to advance the appropriation 33 per cent. above 1865, and pay \$160 to theological, and \$130 to collegiate, and \$100 to academic students. In 1869 the Committee lacked \$5,000 of enough to meet the last quarter’s payment, and was compelled to distribute the amount on hand *pro rata* among the students.

The history of the operations of the Permanent Education Committee shows that it has for seven years past been working on the firm Presbyterian basis; that it has succeeded in overcoming very great difficulties in its way; that the annual number of students exhibits a gratifying increase; that the funds, though not fully equal to the demand, are still increasing, so that the amount received (\$24,037) was \$6,530 more than in 1868, and \$4000 in advance of the contributions any previous year.

The Committee owes much to its respected Secretary, Rev. Dr. J. G. Atterbury in systematizing and giving efficiency to its work.

The Young Licentiate's Rule.

A young licentiate was about to leave the theological seminary. He was poor, and anxious as to some means of sustenance. He unburthened his heart to a venerable sympathizing professor. The experienced father in Israel fixed his eyes upon him and said, "*You take care of the Lord's work, and the Lord will take care of you.*" The young man went forth determined to follow this rule.

In a recent missionary Synod in the West, the same man, his hair now sprinkled with gray, described the results: "I have acted upon that rule from that day till now. It seemed at first as if God was resolved to try my faith. I was sent to a difficult field, and in getting there lost my trunk; I was compelled to preach part of the time, for want of accommodations, under a tree in a grove. It was a poor beginning. But I stuck by my rule, to care for the Lord's work, and trust the Lord to care for me. I can now testify to the faithfulness of my Master. God has taken care of me! I have had about as little care as any man living! I have left that all with God. My work has been a happy work. In all my labours God has made me feel that He was working with me, and that what I had to do was simply to leave myself in his almighty hand."

The heartfelt manner in which these words were spoken, by one whose efficient labours all knew had been much blessed, made a deep impression upon the Synod, and upon the audience present. A number of other ministerial brethren rose and mentioned facts which, in their experience, illustrated that rule.

A number of our young licentiates at this season of the year will start forth upon their great life-work. Of this they may be sure, that God is a faithful and kind master. His care of his servants is proportionate to their fidelity. They who work diligently, prayerfully, and trustfully "have about as little care as any man living." But they who make their temporal support a primary consideration lead a sorry life. As their first care is for themselves, he leaves them to themselves, and they fill the Church with their reproaches and repinings. "The way to get is to give." "The liberal deviseth liberal things, and by liberal things shall he stand."

The Thanksgiving among the Corn.

An earnest minister made the following remarks to an assemblage of brethren: "Some of my people had come out West. They were in a very destitute region, and the hand of the Lord seemed to point it out to be my duty to follow them and endeavour to plant the gospel there. I was poor. They could raise but a hundred and fifty dollars a year, to this the Board of Missions added two hundred. It seemed a dark prospect, but I trusted that the Lord would provide. I secured a lot of a few acres of new prairie land, broke it up, and planted the upturned sod in corn, potatoes, and turnips. The fall came. In the abundance of ministerial work I had given little attention to my field. When I came to gather the crop, I found a hundred bushels of potatoes, a hundred bushels of turnips, and three hundred bushels of corn. There was all my family needed of those things. It seemed like a miracle. I went among the corn, and kneeled down and thanked God. God has poured out his Holy Spirit upon my people. We have been full with the favour of the Lord. Not long ago I received a call from a wealthy church in the State of Ohio, with an offer of three times the salary mentioned above and a furnished parsonage. I wrote and told them what the Lord was doing. They replied that they could not ask me to leave here under such circumstances; and they are now looking elsewhere for a pastor."

Such was the testimony of one that was happy and grateful in his work. It may encourage the heart of some of those beloved young brethren who are inquiring where the Lord would have them to work in his vineyard. Let them not fear to go where men are most needy, and where the work of the church is the hardest. He who led a whole nation out into a howling wilderness, and fed three millions of souls for forty years, can be trusted as to the wants of one believing family.

"He commanded the clouds from above,
And opened the doors of heaven;
He rained down manna from above,
And gave them of the corn of heaven.
Man did eat angels' food,
He sent them meat to the full."

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN MARCH, 1870.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

Pby of Albany—Windsor ch 5 51; Mariaville ch 8;
Gloversville ch 82 56; Carlisle ch 10; Esperance
ch 5; Johnstown ch 22 65; Northampton
ch 2; Northville ch 2; Hamilton Union ch
2 25; Albany 1st ch 82 66 222 63
Pby of Allegheny—Clintonville ch 5 65
Pby of Allegheny City—North ch 87; Leetsdale ch
22 06; German 1st ch, Allegheny City 4 94;
Manchester ch 28 31; Sewickly ch 86 64
228 95
Pby of Baltimore—Twelfth St ch 10; Taneytown
ch 9; Broadway ch 30 18; Westminster ch
126 175 18
Pby of Beaver—Clark ch 27; Hermon ch 13 49;
Clarksville ch 5; Pulaski ch 3 19; Westfield
ch 14 45 63 13
Pby of Benicia—Napa City ch 21 00
Pby of Blairsville—Latrobe ch 27 54; Centreville
ch 7; Armaugh ch 13; Greensburg ch 21; Long
Run ch 20 88 54
Pby of Bloomington—Chenoa ch 5 28; Atlanta ch
4 25; Lincoln ch 18 75; Clinton ch 34 63;
Onarga ch 10; Union Grove ch 7 50; Farm
Ridge ch 8 92; Lexington ch 4; Brenton ch 7;
Towanda ch 15 115 33
Pby of Bureau—Mt Vernon ch 6; Pleasant Ridge
ch 3 59; Edgington ch 16; Genesco ch 5;
Camden Mills ch (of which from Sab-sch 2) 10;
Millersburg ch 17 57 50
Pby of Burlington—Bordentown ch 6; Camden
1st ch 66; Mt Holly ch 16 25 88 25
Pby of Carlisle—Piney Creek ch 8 75; Emmits-
burg ch 17 69; Barton ch 12; Lower Path
Valley ch 15; Burnt Cabins ch 10; Paxton ch
39; Harrisburgh ch 154 89; Hagerstown ch
20; Pine Creek ch 1; Lonaconing ch 6
234 24
Pby of Cedar—Mechanicsville ch 8 43; Fairview
ch 10 18 43
Pby of Chicago—Harvard ch 5; Marengo ch 5 55;
Aurora ch 3 70 14 25
Pby of Chilllicothe—Eckmansville ch 4 20; Pisgah
ch 8; Bloomingburg ch 11 81; South Salem ch
8 32 01
Pby of Cincinnati—Lebanon ch 30; Venice ch
19; Goshen ch 3 33; Glendale ch 42 17; Som-
merset ch 5 20; Avondale ch 25 84 125 54
Pby of Clarion—New Rehoboth ch 6 57; Clarion
ch 11 20; Pisgah ch 7 65; Callensburg ch 6 84;
Concord ch 4 50; Mt Tabor ch 2; Mt Pleasant
ch 1; Mill Creek ch 1; Licking ch 15; Leather-
wood ch 10 65 76
Pby of Columbus—Toledo ch 13 16
Pby of Connecticut—Yorktown ch 20; Thompson-
ville ch 12; Red Mills ch 6; Bridgeport ch (of

which from Mrs Alfred Bishop, Miss A J Burr,
and Cap't John Brooks each 100) 370; Hartford
ch 30; Croton Falls ch 4; South East ch 6 15;
South East Centre ch 11; South Salem ch, Mrs
Elizabeth Hays 50 509 15
Pby of Crawfordsville—Terre Haute ch 7 15;
Lebanon ch 5; Bethany ch 8 45; Crawfords-
ville 1st ch 7 40; Eugene ch 6 50; Thornton
ch 10 44 50
Pby of Dane—Oakland ch 10 10
Pby of Des Moines—Albia ch 11 05; Corydon ch
2; Chariton ch 14 27 05
Pby of Donegal—Little Britain ch 18; Mt Joy ch
7 14; Lancaster ch 30 55 14
Pby of Dubuque—Liberty ch 2; Byron Centre ch
from G S Davis 1; Dubuque 1st ch 54 10;
Peosta ch 4; Epworth ch 3; Bellevue ch 6;
Scotch Grove ch 12; Hopkinton ch 7 89 10
Pby of Elizabethtown—Pluckamin ch 20; Liberty
Corner ch 15; Elizabeth 2d ch 109; New Provi-
dence ch 16; Perth Amboy ch 31; Metuchen
1st ch 10 22 201 22
Pby of Erie—Sturgeonville ch 6; Girard ch 20;
Greenville ch 51; Oil City ch 32 08; Washing-
ton ch 4 113 68
Pby of Fairfield—Crawfordsville ch 2 35
Pby of Findley—Shanesville ch 5; Harrison ch
1 50 6 50
Pby of Fort Dodge—Unity ch 1 50
Pby of Fort Wayne—La Grange ch 8; Bluffton
ch 2; New Lancaster ch 1; Elhanon ch 3
14 00
Pby of Genesee River—Moscow ch 10; Bath ch
22 70 32 10
Pby of Highland—Washington ch 1; Waterville
ch 50 ets; Highland ch 5 6 50
Pby of Hudson—Haintonburg ch 47 61; Cohect-
on ch 5; White Lake ch 2 8) 55 41
Pby of Huntingdon—Osceola Mills ch 3; Millers-
burg ch 20; Moshanon ch and Snow Shoe ch 8;
Spruce Creek ch 110 79; Hollidaysburg ch
42 45; Pine Grove ch 7; Peru ch 9 200 24
Pby of Indianapolis—Knightstown ch 12 50;
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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Annual Meeting and Sermon.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions will be held at the Mission House, New York, May 3d, at two o'clock P. M.

The Annual Sermon for the Board will be preached by the Rev. Leroy J. Halsey, D.D., on the Sabbath evening preceding, in the Brick Presbyterian Church, corner of Thirty-seventh Street and Fifth Avenue, New York, and a brief abstract of the Annual Report will be presented.

Recent Intelligence.

LAOS MISSION SUSPENDED.—Our readers will all deeply regret to learn that the missionaries at Chieng-Mai have before this, probably, withdrawn from the Laos country. Mr. Wilson and his family expected to stop at Rahang, the frontier Siamese city, and engage in missionary work at that place. Mr. McGilvary and his family expected to return to Bangkok. We learn these particulars from an interesting letter of Mr. McDonald, who with Mr. George had visited Chieng-Mai, accompanying the messenger of the King of Siam. Mr. McDonald's letter will be found in another column.

ADDED TO THE CHURCH.—At Petchaburi a Siamese man was baptized on the 9th of January. He was led to Christ in a remarkable way, as the result of a visit which he made to Petchaburi on a lawsuit. He lives at half a day's travel from that city, "has a family and a great circle of relations," Mr. McFarland writes, "and it is hoped that he will lead many of them to the Saviour." Others at Petchaburi are spoken of as showing much interest in religious inquiry. Mr. Dodd reports two new converts as admitted in January to the church at Hangchow, one of them a scholar in the boys' boarding school. Another convert was baptized at one of the sub-stations near Hangchow.

RELIGIOUS INTEREST IN THE DEHRA SCHOOL.—Mr. Herron writes that many of the girls in the boarding school have evinced a pleasing degree of interest in religious things, holding meetings for prayer, and awakening the hopes of the missionaries that soon they will be found amongst the followers of Christ.

PROGRESS AT LODIANA.—Mr. Wherry, now stationed at Lodiana, refers to a night service recently begun in the city chapel. At first the attendance was very large, and though it afterwards fell off yet there was still much to encourage its being kept up. He adds, "This chapel-preaching is to us a sign of great progress in the mission work. Formerly the people would not come inside of a chapel, now they come and sit down with confidence. Many seem to be deeply interested."

RENEWED CALL FOR MISSIONARIES AT CORISCO.—The brethren write very earnestly of their need of more labourers. Mr. Menaul would soon have to leave Corisco, the climate proving unfavourable to his health. Other members of the mission families at Corisco and Benita greatly need a change of climate. Miss Nassau had been recommended to take a rest from her work, by a visit to Old Calabar, where she met a warm welcome from the Scotch missionaries. Mrs. Reutlinger was led to remove to Gaboon, to take a part in the missionary work of that station of the American Board; and she will still enjoy the warm esteem

and sympathy of the Executive Committee. But these changes show the need of reinforcing the stations at Corisco and Benita. We are glad to mention that a respected physician, who is also an elder in one of our churches in the West, and his wife, have been appointed as missionaries to Corisco. They cannot leave for some months, however, and may not be able to go at all. We trust our readers will remember the wants of this field of labour.

IN JAPAN, Dr. Hepburn is hard at work in translating the New Testament into Japanese, and Mr. Thompson the Old Testament. Mr. Cornes has accepted an appointment as a teacher in a Government college at Yedo for a year. The salary, after paying expenses, will be turned over to missionary purposes agreeably to the rule of the Board in such cases. It is considered a matter of great moment that the disinterested character of missionaries should not be compromised in the sight of the natives, and of course their one object of preaching the gospel, and thereby saving souls, is not for a moment to be lost sight of. Mr. Cornes writes a good letter on the subject, and we trust his hopes of increased usefulness will be fulfilled.

ARRIVALS.—Mr. Rudolph and his family arrived at Berlin, February 21st. Mr. Rudolph's health, we regret to learn, not being much improved. Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph will remain in Prussia, their native country, while on their visit for health. Mr. Newton and his wife arrived in England, March 18th. Mrs. Newton is still in very feeble health. She will remain with her friends there, while Mr. Newton visits this country. Dr. and Mrs. Owen arrived some time ago in Scotland, Mrs. Owen's native country, on a visit for health, and expecting to remain there for the summer at least; afterwards coming to this country. Mrs. Henry and her children arrived in New York on the 15th of March, and then went to her former home in Kentucky, accompanied by the warm sympathy and esteem of all who met her here.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO APRIL 14TH.—From Chippewa, Little Traverse, March 30th; Creek, March 23th; Navajo, March 1st; San Francisco, April 5th; Yedo, February 22d; Yokohama, February 19th; Peking, January 19th; Tungchow, December 20th; Chefoo, February (not dated); Shanghai, February 11th; Hangchow, February 4th; Ningpo, February 10th; Canton, February 10th; Bangkok, February 3d; Petchaburi, January 12th; Allahabad, February 23d; Etawah, January 28th; Dehra, February 21st; Lodianā, January 24th; Monrovia, March 9th; Benita, January 4th; Corisco, January 20th; Brôtas, February 14th; Sao Paulo, February 18th; Rio de Janeiro, February 23d; Bogota, February 17th.

Suspension of the Laos Mission.

The Rev. N. A. McDonald writes as follows, after his return to Bangkok. His letter is dated February 2d. We regret that our space does not permit the insertion of this letter without abridgment.

You will have learned ere this of the difficulties of the brethren at Chieng-Mai, and the probable dangers to their own lives; and also that Mr. George and myself, in company with an official sent by the Siamese Government, had gone to Chieng-Mai to visit the mission-

aries, and to consult with them in reference to what they had better do under the circumstances. At the request of the brethren there I give you a brief statement of what transpired during our interview with the king, and our consultations afterwards, which resulted in the abandoning for a time the mission at this place.

We left Bangkok November 5th, and after twenty days hard rowing and poling against the current, we arrived at Rahang, the last Siamese town of any importance on the Laos frontiers, where we were detained some twenty days longer waiting on the Government

official who was to accompany us, and on elephants to convey us to Chieng-Mai. We left Rahang, Dec. 14th, and after about thirteen days on elephants, we arrived in Chieng-Mai, Dec. 27th. Word had been forwarded to Chieng-Mai from *Lampoon*, the neighbouring province, that a Government official and two foreigners were there *en route* for Chieng-Mai. When that word was received, the authorities commenced fitting up a *sala* near Mr. McGilvary's house for the reception of the expected strangers, and through those at work on the *sala*, Mr. McGilvary learned the evening before our arrival that such persons were expected, and he at once concluded that it was some of the missionaries at Bangkok coming to visit them. So the next day, when our company of eighteen elephants and fifty-three persons in all arrived near the city, he heard the beating of our *gongs* and came running out to meet us some distance from his house. Mr. Wilson, who lives on the opposite side of the river, was not apprised of our arrival so soon, but when he heard of it he also hastened over to welcome us.

The next day the letter of the Regent of Siam was to be escorted into the palace under the royal umbrella, and we, of course, were to accompany it. The Regent's letter was of very little account, merely stating that the missionaries at Chieng-Mai had written to their friends in Bangkok, informing them that they were in trouble, and that the Siamese Government had sent a Government officer to accompany us on a visit to them; stating also that if the missionaries wished to remain they had privilege to do so, but if they wished to leave, the king should render them any assistance to get away; not touching at all on the great question, that is the murder of the Christians. The hold of the Siamese Government upon the King of Chieng-Mai is so slight that they fear to get into any difficulty with him lest he should cause them trouble. Although in a certain sense tributary to Siam, he is also absolute in his own dominions. . . .

The next morning after our arrival the Regent's letter was conducted to the palace under the royal umbrella, and the golden tray containing it placed near the middle of the audience hall. Very soon the king entered the hall, apparently calm, but pale with suppressed rage. We arose and bowed to him and then resumed our seats; the Siamese officer, however, remaining

prostrate before him. He immediately opened the seal and handed the letter to his Siamese secretary to read. After the reading of the letter he looked up and remarked, "This letter does not amount to much, it gives the missionaries privilege to remain if they wish to do so and to go if they wish to." This remark rather opened the way.

[Mr. McDonald then made a statement of the case, referring to the kindness at first shown to the missionaries by the king, which agreed well with the good will shown by the King of Siam to missionaries at Bangkok; but regretting that of late difficulties had occurred, and giving the particulars. He proceeds.]

What I said did not appear to ruffle the old man any more than he was; he continued to suppress his rage and replied, that as to servants, there never had been any hinderance;—he had put a couple of fellows to *death*, it was true, but they had failed to perform their portion of *government work*.

This was a point which I was not prepared to argue,—but Mr. McGilvary then took it up, and proved clearly that they had not in any way failed to perform their portion of government work. When the King saw that he could not *lie* out of the matter, he could contain himself no longer and fairly boiled over with rage. He said he had *killed the men* because they had embraced the Christian religion, and he would *continue to kill all* who did the same. He considered the leaving of the religion of the country, as rebelling against him. If the missionaries would remain they could do so,—it would have to be endured; but they could not *make Christians*,—they could not *teach* the Christian religion,—if they *did*, he would expel them from the country. It was useless to attempt any further argument, and they merely told him that their intention was to remain. The conversation then turned upon other subjects and he became more rational. After returning to the house of Mr. McGilvary, and after considerable consultation, and I trust prayer, it was considered best to abandon the mission for a time.

[The reasons for this decision are such as our readers will have understood from former letters of the brethren. Under a despotic and treacherous ruler, now in his old age, set against their object of converting the people to Christ, there is little hope of any favourable change; while nothing could be done to provide buildings, and to

continue their preaching labours, even if their personal safety were not involved. Their decision to withdraw from Chieng-Mai as soon as the river rose seemed to put the king in good humour. Mr. Wilson will endeavour to pursue his work among the Laos at Rahang. Mr. McGilvary will return to Bangkok, expecting to visit this country in a year or two. Mrs. McDonald and George reached Bangkok again on the 24th of January, after a journey of about twenty days.]

Thus stands the case of this interesting mission. It had a good beginning. It has already borne precious fruit, even the witness of martyrs to the power of the gospel. It has its secret inquirers. It has a place in the prayers of many. It will be begun again, and that perhaps before long. This interesting country and people will surely be converted to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mr. Ramsay's Work among the Seminoles.

The annual report of the Rev. J. R. Ramsay, we insert, without abridging it. It is full of interest.

The following is the general annual report of the Seminole Mission for the year ending January 31st. 1870:—

1st. *Statistics of the Seminole Church for the year.* Infant baptisms, thirteen; adult baptisms, eight; received on examination, nine; whole number of communicants, one hundred and fifteen; contribution to Foreign Missions, twenty-nine dollars and forty cents. During the year we lost two of our most valuable members, viz., Brothers Oklahle and Nokfa Hache; the first was a beloved ruling elder whose loss we all still deeply deplore. But all feel that our loss is his unspeakable gain. We have been trying to fill his place with a successor, but thus far have not succeeded. We have also to mourn over the disorderly conduct of some members. But we rejoice over the steady purpose to serve Christ manifested in the lives of others. Our church building has not yet been commenced. About fifteen dollars have thus far been contributed for that purpose and we have selected the site. The attendance at our religious meetings in the school-house on Sabbaths has generally been very large, the house not

being large enough to contain all in attendance. One cause of delay in building the church has been the expectation of a portion of our members and families of moving to a distance to make a new home, but there is a hope now that this will be given up, and I hope something will yet be done.

2d. *Preaching.* I have endeavoured to fill every opening for preaching that presented itself. Visited several distant points during the year. But by-far the greater part of my efforts have been at home and vicinity, as the field there was most inviting and promising. Assisted by our dear departed elder, religious services were conducted at a place in the neighbourhood and resulted in the hopeful conversion of several persons, some Seminoles who united with our church and some Creeks who joined the Methodists; most of these manifest by their subsequent conduct that they have experienced the happy change. Prayer-meetings have been kept up, one, two, and sometimes three nights in each week. At one of them I attend and preach. I have also preached at several funerals, also on Christmas and New Year at our people's feast on each of those days. During the summer and autumn I attended and preached, at five camp-meetings. First, our own; second, Jumper's, Baptist; third, Long George's, Methodist; fourth, Perryman's and McIntosh's, Presbyterian and Baptist; and fifth, Bruner's, Coloured Baptist. At all of these meetings I was most cordially welcomed and had the privilege of preaching to very large and very attentive congregations. At all of these meetings denominational feelings appeared to be forgotten, and all united as brethren to worship God and show brotherly love towards each other. I enjoyed those meetings much, and I hope good was done. The "watchmen seem to see eye to eye on the walls of Zion." We observed the week of prayer which was well attended.

3d. *Teaching.* The school year ended in October. During the year I taught eight months, and my roll contained the names of seventy pupils during the year. Some of these were very irregular, some came but a few days, and, of course, made but little improvement, but others came regularly during the whole term, and of those it may be said that no children of any nation or people have advanced more rapidly in acquiring a literary education. The branches studied were orthography, reading, writing, arithmetic, and geography. There are

at present four schools in operation among the Seminoles.

4th. *Work.* By the sweat of his brow, it was said long ago, that man should eat bread, and I have realized it. Whether right or not, it seemed to be necessary that I should labour constantly with the hands. A field was to be fenced, the rails were to make and haul, and build into a fence; the field was to be ploughed and planted, and the corn was to be cultivated; the garden was to be attended, and yielded a rich return, contributing much to our comfort, and causing the great admiration of all visitors, including our former agent, Mr. Reynolds, and superintendent Mr. Robinson; hay was to be cut and hauled; later corn was to be gathered, and sweet potatoes to be dug and housed; then wheat was to be sowed and harvested; now an orchard of four acres, in the timber which is being cleared, where I expect soon to plant peach trees, which I have raised myself, apple trees, pear trees, cherry trees, &c., which will have to be bought. In the meantime, while the trees are yet small, I expect to cultivate the ground, and raise various produce on it. Besides these things, I assisted in hauling the logs to the saw mill, which are to be sawed into lumber to build a mission-house. I have hauled in all eighty logs, one-half of which have already been sawed, and the lumber hauled home. The remainder will be sawed within a few days.

The above sketch of our work I hope will be satisfactory. Alas, how far short we come in performing our duty! But such as it is, it is a free-will offering to our dear Master. The year has to us been intermingled with sweet joys and deep sorrows; but He whom we are endeavouring to serve, ordereth all things well. We are all well at present, and join in sending kind regards.

Yours in the gospel.

The Missionaries at Canton.

In a pleasant letter, Miss Hattie Noyes, writing on the 10th of February, thus speaks of the newly arrived missionaries.

There are so many gentlemen connected with the Presbyterian mission at Canton who write to you regularly, that I always feel that there is nothing left for me to write. But I presume none of them will have given you *my* impression of our new missionaries.

It is just a month since the pleasant

anticipations we have so long been cherishing were at last realized, and we were permitted to welcome the missionary friends to whose coming we have so long been looking forward. It seemed to me that I never before felt *quite* so glad as when the steamer came in sight that Saturday afternoon, and we had the pleasure of waving our salutations to the group of missionaries standing on her deck as they passed us on the way to the wharf a little further up the river. Dr. and Mrs. Osgood of the Foochow mission were with them, and it was indeed a goodly company, and I could not help wondering if any mission station had ever been so highly favoured before. Now that a month has passed, and we know them all better, I feel still more assured that we have been very fortunate, and as a mission have great reason for thankfulness.

I hope and trust that a blessing will come with them for poor Canton, so long a barren field, and that a glorious harvest may yet be reaped from the good seed sown here. I was pleased with a remark of one of the Chinese assistants not long since, when speaking of the expected arrival of these missionaries. He said, "it was very good that we were all engaged in fighting against sin and Satan, and it was good that more were coming to help, for it would make the victory *sooner won*."

Dr. Happer and family came and spent a week with us before going to his old home. As soon as the Chinese learned that they were really here, they came crowding in to see them. The meeting of the children with the old Amah [nurse], who had for so many years taken care of their sainted mother, was very affecting to us all. The three younger children have forgotten their Chinese entirely, but Lucy and Lillie recal a great deal of theirs, and will doubtless soon speak it with a fluency which the rest of us cannot hope to attain. I enjoyed Mrs. Happer's company very much indeed, and Miss Shaw and I found great pleasure in comparing our Christian Commission experiences. When they left, the McCesneys came to stay with us until the Prestons leave. Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus are at present with Dr. Kerr, but expect to take Mr. Preston's house with the McCesneys. All are diligently at work with the first principles of the Chinese language. It seems so pleasant to have such a large mission, and I hope we may be privileged to

work together long and faithfully and successfully.

The girls' school closed a little before the Chinese New Year, and will reopen next week. Lucy Happer intends to open a school at the same time. The largest school last year numbered twenty-six, but the scholars were not as regular in their attendance as the preceding year. Five of them received neatly bound copies of the New Testament, as a reward for committing to memory the Shorter Catechism. Eight more have nearly finished it, and will receive the same reward. I cannot but think that they will prize it for the sake of the hard study it has cost them to learn it, and trust they will learn to love it for its own sake.

Native Colporteur Work in China.

The Rev. H. Corbett, at Chefoo, December 11th, writes the following accounts. They possess value as showing the practical working of one class of native missionary labourers.

You will see from the accompanying extracts [translated from their journals], the manner in which the colporteurs labour. I spent from two to three months of each year itinerating. I always take at least two men with me, partly to assist, but more especially to instruct and train them to labour in this work. Tracts are freely distributed to all who can read and are willing to receive them. All other books are sold at about one-fourth their cost, except when there is a manifest desire to receive books and no money to purchase, then they are given without charge. In a number of places we have succeeded in getting school boys to commit a portion of scripture, giving a copy of one of the gospels as a reward. Three men, Messrs. Lin, Tsoong and Le, have been employed for more than two years at a salary of six thousand cash (about six dollars) per month each. Two men, Wang Kwo Foo and Wang E. Fun, have received no salary as yet, except what they receive from the books they sell. This has about paid their boarding at the inns. During the cold weather it is unfavourable for very extensive trips, I therefore have the men formed into a class and teach them daily, the principal study being the scriptures. The men have all been faithful, as their journals and evidence from other sources abundantly testify.

Several persons have come as enquirers who first heard the truth from the colporteurs. One, now about sixty-four years of age, who has recently been baptized, and gives very pleasing evidence of having been taught by the Spirit, was brought to a knowledge of the truth in this manner.

Within the last three or four years I can notice a most marked change in the towns that have been frequently visited in regard to a knowledge of the gospel. Now all know that the gospel tells of a Saviour for sinners, and requires men to live honest and virtuous lives. Many have read our books, and although they have not become Christians yet, are convinced of the truth taught. The conviction seems to be taking hold of many minds that idolatry must give way and Christianity come in its place. The colporteurs are greatly encouraged at the change for the better. Men who a year or two since would not listen to the gospel except to ridicule and mock, now listen with respect, and others who do not listen themselves, yet make no effort to hinder others. Also the boys in many of the schools manifest much interest and buy and read the books. In a few instances the books have been committed in school. The books are printed in a manner greatly superior to the native books. This of itself has secured the sale of many books. The truth thus sown cannot but by the blessing of God bear fruit. We feel greatly encouraged, and pray for and confidently expect to see much fruit in time, if not in eternity. It must be remembered that what has just been written, applies to a very small portion of China. The great mass have never yet heard of salvation through Christ. What is one hundred missionaries to four hundred millions of people?

I am truly thankful for a box of books and tracts (valued at twenty dollars), received from the American Tract Society more than a year since. All have been distributed to sailors visiting this port, including a number in the United States Navy service as well as merchant. We have not been permitted to see any immediate results, but feel assured, that with God's blessing, much good must result from their perusal.

During the year ending September 30th, 1868, five thousand eight hundred and fifty portions of scripture in Chinese and fifteen thousand tracts have been circulated. The former consisted principally of the gospels in Mandarin (the spoken dialect in this province) bound

separately. Many of the tracts consisted of but one sheet. Others, such as the Evidences of Christianity, of two hundred and forty pages, Guide to Heaven, one hundred and ninety pages, The Two Friends, one hundred and

twenty pages, most all being in Mandarin, we are certain that any who are able to read will understand them, which cannot be said of the books written in the higher style.

(To be continued.)

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN MARCH, 1870.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Johnstown ch 61 20; State ch, Albany 6 50; East Ave ch, Schenectady 26 76; 1st ch Little Falls 172 11; Saratoga Springs ch Sab-seh 27 71; Mayfield Central ch 1 50; Hamilton Union ch 6 60. Sab-seh 3 = 9 60; Northville ch 9; Northampton ch 9; 1st ch Albany 376 20. *Pby of Londonderry*—Beach St ch, Boston 100. *Pby of Troy*—Ninth ch Troy 20 \$1,463 08

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Concord ch 45 10, Sab-seh 20 = 65 10; North Butler ch 5; Freeport ch Sab-seh 11; Portersville ch 16 45; Rich Hill ch 31. *Pby of Allegheny City*—North ch Sab-seh, for Rio Chapel 10 50; 1st ch Allegheny City 217 24; 1st Ger ch Allegheny City 15 14, Sab-seh 5 66 = 20 80; Sharpsburg ch 49 50. *Pby of Beaver*—Sharon ch 50; Hermon ch 98 20. Sab-seh for Saharanpur 20 = 118 20; Westfield ch 5; Neshanoek ch 78; Little Beaver ch 21. *Pby of Erie*—Sturgeonville ch 7 705 79

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Twelfth ch Baltimore 45; 1st ch Annapolis 80 66; Westminster ch, Baltimore 554, J W Lee 35, Sab-seh 140, Miss sch 20, Mrs Isaac's children 3 16, Emma and Hattie Whitely 2, Charlie Heath and Sisters 53 cts, Grace Lee 50 cts = 755 19. *Pby of Carlisle*—Newville Sab-seh 145 85; Gettysburg ch 24 06; Barton ch, a member 20, Sab-seh 10 = 30; Upper Path Valley ch 100 25; Silver Spring ch 52 10, Sab-seh 10 = 62 10; Mechanicsburg ch 40 86; 2d ch Carlisle 249 27. *Pby of Concord*—Reem's Creek ch 2 75; Duncan's Creek ch 3 60. *Pby of Lewes*—Pitt's Creek ch 16 36, Sab-seh 12 50 = 28 86; Kehoboth ch 5 87; Snow Hill ch 5 50, Sab-seh 4 50 = 10; Buckingham ch 28 70; Eden ch 3 30. *Pby of Potomac*—Bridge St ch, Georgetown 91 01; 7th St ch Washington 75 1,782 33

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Genesee River*—Wyoming ch 45 34; Sab-seh, for Scripture Readers at Canton 39 = 84 34. *Pby of Ogdensburg*—Hammond ch, Sam'l Miller 10; 1st ch Oswegatchie 25 24. *Pby of Rochester City*—1st ch Sab-seh, Phelps 28; Port Bryon ch 35, Sab-seh for Shanghai 25 = 60 207 58

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Camden Mills ch 7, Sab-seh 13 = 20; Millersburg ch 25. *Pby of Chicago*—Jefferson Park ch 283 55, Sab-seh 160 70 = 444 25; Zion ch Sab-seh 10; Harvard ch Sab-seh 5; Wyoming ch 9. *Pby of Rock River*—Rock River ch 9 50; Foreston Ger ch 14 42; Franklin Grove Sab-seh 1 55; Sterling ch 87 80; Galena South ch 19 20. *Pby of Schuyler*—Vermont ch 11. *Pby of Warren*—Bushwell ch 3 659 72

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Washington ch 20. Sab-seh 10 = 30; 1st ch Greenfield 40 50; Red Oak ch, Chas Kirkpatrick 10; Hillsboro ch 148 50; Belfast ch, Wm Storey 1; Pisgah ch 120; South Salem ch 154 80, Sab-seh 40 = 194 80. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Somerset ch Sab-seh 13 21; Bethel ch 12 12. Sab-seh 5 90 = 18 02; 7th ch Cincinnati 11 40; Central ch Cincinnati 5; Glendale ch 95 90. *Pby of Miami*—Monroe ch 15; Miami City ch 75; 1st ch Springfield 150 52; 3d ch Dayton 40 20; Franklin ch 3 45. *Pby of Oxford*—Harmony ch 20; Camden ch 7 40 999 90

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Gilman ch 2 20; Waynesville ch 9; Eureka ch 5 11; Onarga ch 24; Sab-seh 10 = 34; Dwight ch 5 93; Lexington ch 23; Chatsworth ch 8. *Pby of Kaskaskia*—Butler ch 16 25, Sab-seh 5 52 = 21 77; Cave Spring ch 3 50; Hillsboro ch 20. *Pby of Palestine*—Oakland ch 3 25. *Pby of Peoria*—

Henry ch 40. *Pby of Salme*—Friendsville ch Sab-seh, for Lodianna Orphanage 50. *Pby of Sangamon*—First ch Decatur 40 45 206 23

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Madison*—Bethel ch 11; Unity ch 3; Donaldson ch 2. *Pby of New Albany*—Jackson Co Ger ch 8; Livonia ch 6. *Pby of Vincennes*—Evansville ch 42 30. *Pby of White Water*—Rushville Sab-seh 14 39; 1st ch Richmond 24; Mt Carmel ch 12 75 123 44

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—New York ch 5. *Pby of Dubuque*—Byron Centre ch 3 60; Ger ch Independence 6; Farmer's Creek ch 2; Andrew ch 11. *Pby of Fort Dodge*—Unity ch 11 10. *Pby of Frankville*—Lime Springs ch 6; Frankville ch 23. *Pby of Vinton*—First ch Waterloo 57 25. Central ch 3 20 128 15

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Highland*—First ch Washington 2; Watersville ch 1 50. *Pby of Neosho*—Scipio ch 1; Fort Scott ch 11 15 59

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Ebenezer*—First ch Sab-seh Covington 127 60

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Palmyra*—Macon City ch 55; Callao ch 2 10; Shelbyville ch, from Pastor and Wife 5. *Pby of Potosi*—White Water ch, Peter Conrad 10. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Oregon ch 10 15; Savannah ch 100; Fildmore ch 9 50. *Pby of Southwest Missouri*—Mission Field of Rev J McFarland 2 143 75

SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.—*Pby of Austin*—First Ger ch Galveston, Texas 8; Austin ch, omitted in January 23. *Pby of Holston*—Mt Bethel ch 23; Salem ch 18 72 00

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Allentown ch 116; 1st ch Camden 250 50, "A Family" 30 = 280 50; Burlington ch 29 95, Sab-seh for Chefoo sch 45 = 74 95; Columbus ch 45. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—First ch, Metuchen 35 19; 1st ch, Rahway 6 50; 1st ch, Woodbridge 60; Baskingridge ch 110, Sab-seh 30 = 140. *Pby of Luzerne*—Kingston ch 30 12; Lebanon ch 2; Northmoreland ch 2, "G" 1 = 3; Pittston ch 200; White Haven ch Sab-seh 10. *Pby of Monmouth*—Port Washington ch Sab-seh 9; Tom's River ch 5 75. *Pby of Newton*—Andover ch 6 49, Sab-seh 3 25, Allamuchy Sab-seh 3 90 = 13 64; Newton ch 40 80, for Papal countries 11 11, Sab-seh, to ed boy in China 37 50 = 89 41; Danville ch 25 75, Sab-seh 3 40 = 29 15; Upper Mt Bethel ch Sab-seh 5 18; Middle Smithfield ch 20; Philipsburg Sab-seh 15; Hackettstown ch 557, Sab-seh, to sup Rev T S Wynkoop 60 = 617. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Second ch, Trenton 21 89; Lawrenceville Central ch 259 26, Sab-seh, for Benita 50 = 309 26. *Pby of Passaic*—Third ch, Newark 22 93; Youths' Miss Soc'y 159 25 = 182 18; Wickliffe ch mo con 10 35; 1st ch, Rutherford Park 78 54. *Pby of Raritan*—First ch, Bloomsburg 31; German Valley ch, to con J C Welsh and Geo Neighbor Life Members 60 50; Flemington ch, Rev Geo S Mott 59, Mrs Kee 5 = 55; 2d ch, Amwell 22, Sab-seh 18 = 40; Musconetcong Valley ch 71 80, New Hampton Sab-seh 11 41 = 83 21. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Warrenham ch 8; Monroeton ch 4; Wyalusing 1st ch 5; Herreck ch 5; Wyalusing 2d ch 20. *Pby of West Jersey*—Tuckahoe ch 1 25, Sab-seh 3 = 4 25; 1st ch, Bridgeton Jos Reeves, to con Mary J Reeves Life Member 30; 1st ch, Cedarville 136; Pittsgrove ch 25, Sab-seh 25 50 = 50 50 2,942 07

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—South Salem ch 178. Mrs Elizabeth Hays 200 = 378; South East ch 25 16; Red Mills ch 18; South East Centre ch 30 53; Rye ch 525; Mt Kisco ch

35. *Pby of Hudson*—Bloomingsburg ch 2; Scotchtown ch 200; Goodwill ch 80; Washingtonville ch 38. *Pby of Long Island*—Setauket ch 12; Fresh Pond ch 27; Sweet Hollow ch 17 22. *Pby of Nassau*—Throop Ave ch 22 07; Astoria ch 36 67; South 3d St ch. Williamsburg 38 09, Sab-sch, for Indian Missy's school 50, Corisco 40, Futtelgurh 25, Ningpo 25, Shanghai 35 = 213 09; 1st ch, Brooklyn 46 59; Geneva ch 44; Hempstead ch 16 69; Central ch, Brooklyn 86. *Pby of New York*—University Place ch 25 45; Brick ch Chapel 10; Brick ch 3 880 22, Miss sch for Chefoo sch 500 = 4,380 22; Ch of Sea and Land 15 73; 1st ch, Edgewater, S I 9 53; German ch, N Y 8; Sab-sch, No 59, N Y 30; Chelsea ch 6 88; Fortieth St ch, N Y 23 60; West Twenty-third St ch, N Y Sab-sch 25; Clarkstown Ger ch 1. *Pby of New York 2d*—Peckskill ch 15 70; West Farms ch 5; South Greenburg ch Sab-sch, to sup native pastor at Ningpo 170 50; 1st ch. Delhi 25 25; Hobart ch 8 75; Westminster ch, Yonkers 55 42. *Pby of North River*—Middle Hope ch 17 69. Sab-sch 3 77 = 21 46; New Hamburg ch 7 81; Calvary ch, Newburg 43 04 6.71 38

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Green Castle ch Sab-sch 5 52; 1st ch Sab-sch, Crawfordsville 8 62; Carpentersville ch Sab-sch 13 50. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Pleasant Ridge ch 20. *Pby of Lake*—Bethel Sab-sch 19 10; Crown Point ch 12. *Pby of Logansport*—Rock Creek ch 3 20; Pennington ch 8; Sugar Creek ch 10. Sab-sch 1 15 = 11 15; Monticello ch 7 00 108 09

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Hocking*—Athens Sab-sch 21. *Pby of Richland*—Myers' Miss Lyceum, Vermil Institute 36 50; Hayesville ch 53 85; Martinsburg ch 16 63; Bloomfield ch 9 10; McKay ch 28 07. *Pby of Wooster*—Millersburg ch 14 39; Orville ch 10; Congress ch 20 35; Wooster ch 116 25; Wayne ch 35, Sab-sch 22 = 57. *Pby of Zanesville*—Brownsville ch 21; Zanesville 2d ch 44 25 448 39

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of California*—Calvary ch and Sab-sch, San Francisco 526; Santa Barbara ch 10. 536 03

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Leacock ch 53; Columbia ch 268 38, Sab-sch 6 64; Little Johnny Vaughn's miss box 74 cts = 275 76; Litle Britain ch 35, Sab-sch 4 15 = 39 15; Strasburg Sab-sch 55 28. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Fruit Hill ch 14; Alexandria ch 85; Huntingdon ch 29; Mifflintown ch 190 40; Williamsburg ch 69. Sab-sch 16 = 85; Osceola Mills ch 17; Curwinstown ch 11; Tyrone ch 43. *Pby of New Castle*—Oxford ch and Sab-sch 193 63; 1st ch, Wilmington 20 79, Sab-sch 23 14 = 43 53; Upper Octorara ch 131 51; Lower West Nottingham ch 38 42, Contents of little Ellen Rowland's miss box 1 65 = 40 07. *Pby of Northumberland*—Washington ch 17 57; Jersey Shore ch 52 55; 3d ch, Williamsport 170. Sab-sch to sup Miss Thompson 25 = 195; Berwick ch 12; Briar Creek ch 5 44; Bald Eagle and Nittany chs 53 86; Ellie Brown's box 1 25 = 55 11. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Medina ch 50; West Spruce St ch, Miss Field 5; Arch St ch 475 82; 6th ch 53 09; African 1st ch 2 50; 10th ch 84 06; 7th ch 10. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Great Valley ch 7; Cohocksink ch Sab-sch 59 64; North Tenth St ch 48 37; North ch 83 11. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—First ch Sab-sch, Easton 112; Catasqua ch 26; Neshaminy ch 6; Pottstown ch 30; Solebury ch 12 2,929 99

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Latrobe ch 57 50; Cherry Tree ch 61 83, Sab-sch 7 = 68 83; Johnstown ch 90; Greensburg ch 51 50; Unity ch 42; Congruity ch 11 80. *Pby of Clarion*—Mt Tabor Sab-sch 7; Mill Creek Sab-sch 5; Mt Pleasant Sab-sch 3; Clear Creek Sab-sch 5; Calensburg Sab-sch 11 50; Brookville ch 25; Perry ch 9; Licking ch 37 88; Leatherwood ch 34 99. *Pby of Ohio*—Monongahela City ch 100; Mingo ch 23; East Liberty ch 438 85; Mt Pleasant ch 11. *Pby of Redstone*—Brownsville ch 109; Children of Uniontown ch 9 77; George's Creek ch 11 50; New Providence ch 25, Sab-sch 14 = 39; Sewickly ch 22 15; Greensboro ch 6, Sab-sch 2 = 8. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Glade Run ch 35; Rural Valley ch 39 18, A Friend 20 = 59 18; Rayne ch 40; Harmony ch 130 1,487 36

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—La Crosse ch 14 55. *Pby of St Paul*—Central ch, St Paul 57 97; Westminster ch, Minneapolis 205 12, Sab-sch 21 33 = 226 45; Rockford ch 5; Medina ch 4; Franklin ch 1 00 308 97

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Fundlay*—Van Wert Sab-sch 11; Patterson, Foust and Blanchard chs 12. *Pby of Maumee*—Union ch 4 40, Sab-sch 5 = 9 40. *Pby of Michigan*—Bennington ch 6 77; Maple Grove 3 68. Mrs Depue 2 = 5 68; Westminster ch, Detroit 165 33 210 18

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—First ch, Des Moines 40; Osceola ch 10; Corydon ch 2. *Pby of Fairfield*—Ottumwa ch 7, Sab-sch 5 = 12; 1st ch, Aledo 3 50; Troy ch 3 75; Summit ch 7 20; Birmingham ch 20 25. *Pby of Iowa*—First ch, Mt Pleasant 84 15, Sab-sch 125 = 209 15 1st ch, Iowa City 75, Hugh Taylor 5 = 80; Winfield ch 10 44, Sab-sch 12 = 22 44; Fort Madison ch Sab-sch 19 20 429 49

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Long Run ch 5. *Pby of Steubenville*—Harlem ch 6; 1st ch, Steubenville 77 38; Bacon Ridge ch 20; Wellsville Sab-sch 15 47; Bloomfield ch 18, "E O" 1 33, Sab-sch 14 11 = 33 50; East Springfield ch 25; Waynesburgh ch 35, Sab-sch 10 = 45; Bethlehem ch 25; Island Creek ch 4; Annapolis Sab-sch, to sup Rev W F Johnson 15 65; 2d ch, Steubenville, to sup Rev W F Johnson 317; Centre Unity ch 6 55, Sab-sch 3 45 = 10. *Pby of St Clairsville*—St Clairsville ch 125; Kirkwood ch 20, Sab-sch 65 = 85. *Pby of Washington*—Fairview ch 8 74; East Buffalo ch 15 90; Holliday's Cove ch 23; Three Springs ch 12; Upper Buffalo ch 59; 1st ch, Washington 20 60; 1st ch, Wheeling 34 02. *Pby of West Virginia*—Ravenswood ch 5 978 25

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Oakland ch 10; Oregon Sab-sch 8. *Pby of Winnetago*—Kilbourne City Cent Society 2; Winneconne ch 10 30 00

Total receipts from churches, \$23,845 22

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Mrs Susan H Thorne, dec'd, Carlisle, Pa 1,263 50; Bequest of Andrew Patterson, dec'd, Mercer Co, Pa, less tax 95; Legacy of Dr Isaac Z Lonaere, dec'd, Westmoreland Co, Pa, less tax 893; Legacy of Mrs Mary C Donaldson, dec'd, Philadelphia, 500; Legacy of Mrs Mary J Larimer, dec'd, Westmoreland Co, Pa 467 \$3,218 50

MISCELLANEOUS.—Mrs Wm Rankin, 200; O 25 cts; M E F, Chillicothe 5; S T N, for Chieng Mai 5; Mrs C Williamson 5; J T S 10; W Stokes, Russellville, Ky, to con Mrs A Stokes *Life Member* 40; Bible class, Ebenezer coloured sch, S C 2; Two Friends 100; Jared Luck 3; Lafayette College, Chestnut Hill, Miss sch 5 50; G, Liberty, Ohio 1; M W M 20; W L 500; Children of the Promise 18 50; Ladies of Youngstown Ref ch, to ed girl at Derah 34 50; Mrs Julia Hill, Johnson, N Y 10; Willie 20 cts; A Friend, Rockford, Ill 13; Gen'l G Loomis 2 50; North Cong'l ch, Enfield, Conn 50; David M Clark 1; Mrs Mary H Green 2; Willie Condit 50 cts; "S" 10; Rev C D Roberts, Smartsville, Cal 5; W E, Allegheny, Pa 1; Mrs L T Wells, Felicity, Ohio 10; Rev L D Potter and Family, Glendale, Ohio 7 45; Mrs M Furman 1; Sarah F Furman 1 \$1,064 40

Total Receipts in March, 1870, \$28,128 12

Total Receipts from May 1st, \$203,982 51

Five boxes of clothing for Seminole Mission, from Ladies Sewing Society 1st ch, New York.

WM. RANKIN, Jr., Treasurer,
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LETTERS relating to the Missions, or other operations of the Board, may be addressed to the Rev. JOHN C. LOWRIE, or Rev. DAVID IRVING, Secretaries, Mission House, 23 Centre street, New York.

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BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

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All communications, reports, remittances of money, donations, and orders for books, to be addressed to Mr. WINTHROP SARGENT, Superintendent of Colportage, Business Correspondent, and Treasurer.

Subscriptions to *The Record*, and the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, and payments for the same, to be addressed to Mr. PETER WALKER.

The First Sabbath in May.

The *First Sabbath in May* is the time appointed by the General Assembly for the annual collection for the *Colportage and Distribution Fund* of the Board of Publication. A letter has been sent to all the pastors of churches, requesting them to present this cause to their people on that day, and secure their contributions on its behalf. Or should it, from any cause, be inexpedient to take the collection on that day, to do so at the earliest practicable opportunity afterwards.

THE WORK DONE LAST YEAR.

During the past year 156 colporteurs were in commission, who have laboured in 25 States; several of them in Canada, and one in Brazil. Reports have been received from 125 of this number, showing that they have sold 49,632 volumes, and visited 80,341 families, with much the greater part of which they have had religious conversation and prayer. Adding to the gratuitous distributions made by these colporteurs, the grants made by votes of the Executive Committee of the Board, 63,698 volumes, and 2,733,193 pages of tracts have been *given away* by the help of this Fund. Infidels and errorists of every sort have thus had the truth placed in their hands, and pressed on their attention. Tens of thousands of families scattered over the secluded and the waste places of the land and its frontier regions have received more or less of evangelical printed truth into their dwellings. Over an hundred thousand volumes, including a great variety of Calvinistic, and of evangelical books, besides more than two and a half millions of pages of tracts, have been diffused over every part of our broad land.

THE COLPORTAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FUND OUGHT TO BE LIBERALLY REPLENISHED.

It ought to be replenished.

I. Because otherwise colportage operations cannot be maintained. The work of *publishing* books and tracts is carried forward upon a capital contributed, years ago, for that specific purpose, to which it is wholly and

sacredly devoted. As this capital is at present sufficient for that purpose, the churches are not called on to contribute anything *for the publishing department of the Board*. But the Board is obliged to depend wholly on the contributions of the churches for the supply of its Colportage and Distribution Fund. These contributions are indispensable for the following uses, viz., 1. To pay the salaries and expenses of Colporteurs. 2. To pay for the large amount of books and tracts gratuitously distributed by the Colporteurs. 3. To enable the Board to continue its grants to poor and mission Sabbath-schools, to the Freedmen, to needy Ministers and Missionaries, and others; a department in which the Board is making its great power to do good widely felt. Just in proportion as our churches, by their contributions, replenish this Fund, and only so far, is the Board able to carry forward this beneficent work.

During the past year the Fund has received the sum of \$36,577, and has expended \$35,397. A much larger sum could have been most wisely and usefully employed had it been furnished.

WHAT IS ASKED.

In order that this work may go forward, we beg every pastor, and every vacant church to give us aid according to the ability which God may have given to each. Let an annual collection be taken on the **FIRST SABBATH OF MAY**, or if it be not possible to take it on that day, then on the earliest practicable Sabbath afterwards. Let the children in the Sabbath-school, according to a former recommendation of the General Assembly, be also invited to send *their* contributions to the Board. It is appropriate work for them to help to supply mission and feeble Sabbath-schools.

And when this has been done, let the contribution be remitted, as soon as convenient, to **WINTHROP SARGENT, Esq.**, Treasurer of the Board, No. 821 *Chestnut Street, Philadelphia*.

Gifts to Theological Students.

A liberal friend of the Board of Publication, and of all the institutions of our Church, lately authorized the Board to send at his expense, a copy of James' "*Earnest Ministry*" to each member of the graduating class in eight Theological Seminaries; including Union Seminary in Va., and Columbia Seminary in S. Carolina. The books have been delivered and responses received expressive of the gratitude of the recipients.

Another generous friend has furnished the Board with means to send to each member of the classes about to graduate from the same eight Seminaries, a copy of the "*Commentary on the Confession of Faith*," by the Rev. A. A. Hodge, D.D. These books also have been sent. In acknowledging the copies sent to the students of Union Theological Seminary in New York City, the Rev. W. G. T. Shedd, D.D., an eminent Pro-

fessor in that institution, writes to the Secretary of the Board as follows: "We are very much obliged for this gift to the graduating class. It is an admirable exposition of our Confession of Faith, and comes very opportunely as an aid towards preparation for examinations in Theology, as well as furnishing an excellent manual for the future use of the pastor in catechetical instruction. Please to express our thanks to the benevolent donor."

As a large proportion of our candidates for the ministry have not the means to purchase books, the gift of such an one as either of those now given, at the period when they are just about to enter upon the work of the ministry, may be an inestimable benefit not only to these young brethren themselves, but to multitudes who may hereafter sit under their preaching. We commend the example of these noble givers to others who have the ability to do likewise. Very gladly would the Board receive special contributions wherewith to send many of the precious volumes on its catalogue to candidates for the ministry and to brethren already in the ministry.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

I. Honour Bright; or, the Faithful Daughter. 18mo. With four illustrations. Price, 45 cents.

A little volume intended to illustrate the great value of truthfulness in the early training of children.

II. Fred Wilson's Sled. By Nellie Grahame. 18mo. With two illustrations. Price, 30 cents.

This little book shows that sin is sure to bring trouble, and also teaches impressively the duty of forgiving injuries.

III. The Early Regeneration of Sabbath-school Children. By the Rev. Thomas H. Skinner, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Fort Wayne, Indiana. A 12mo tract. Pages 20. No. 291.

This treatise first appeared as an essay before the Indiana State Sunday-school Convention some time since, and produced a deep impression by its freshness and strength. It was subsequently condensed and published in the *Princeton Review* for January 1870. It has attracted much attention from the friends of Sabbath-schools. The *Sunday-school Times* said of it, "it bears internal evidence of being from the pen of Dr. McCosh," and added, "we wish every teacher, whether of Sabbath-schools or

other schools, might have a copy, and we earnestly exhort all who have access to it not to fail to read it." The Board now puts it in this cheap form, within reach of everybody. May the blessing of the Divine Spirit accompany it wherever it goes.

IV. Excuses; or, a few Plain Words with a Friend. By the Rev. W. J. McCord, of Wassaic, N. Y. A 12mo tract. No. 289. Pages 8.

V. Calls of God; or, Invitations and Warnings. By the Rev. W. J. McCord, of Wassaic, N. Y. A 12mo tract. No. 290. Pages 8.

These are excellent, plain, pungent addresses to unconverted persons—very suitable for general distribution among irreligious people.

VI. Fluche doch nicht. [Oh, don't swear.] A 12mo tract. No. 200. Pages 4.

A translation into German of the excellent tract No. 200 on the Board's catalogue. It ought to be scattered by thousands among our German population.

In addition to those announced in the *Record* of last month, the Board has

just issued the following tracts in the Spanish language. Others are now in preparation and will soon follow.

VII. **A los Aflijidos.** [To the Afflicted.] 12mo. 8 pages.

VIII. **El Pecador es Encaminado al Salvador.** [The Sinner guided to the Saviour.] 12mo. 8 pages.

IX. **La Sangre en los Postes de la puerta.** [The Blood on the Doorposts.] 12mo. 4 pages. A translation of tract No. 81 on the Board's catalogue.

X. **La Parábola del Hijo Prodigio.** [The Parable of the Prodigal Son.] 12mo. 12 pages.

XI. **La Pasion, Muerte, y Sepultura de N. S. Jesu-Cristo.** [The Passion, Death and Burial of our Lord Jesus Christ.] 12mo. 12 pages.

XII. **Jehova Justicia Nuestra.** [Jehovah our Righteousness.] 12mo. 4 pages. A translation of tract No 65 on the Board's Catalogue.

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<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Foreston Ger ch	6 41	<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Buffalo ch	35 00
<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Vermont ch	5 00	<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —First African ch 5; "Mrs I B E." of 10th ch 10	15 00
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<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Pisgah ch	3 00	<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Indiana ch 55 70; Glade Run ch 18; Plumville ch 4	77 70
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<i>Pby of Vinton</i> —Dubuque 1st Ger ch	4 00	<i>Pby of Catauba</i> —Poplar Tent ch	1 00
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<i>Pby of Ebenezer</i> —Burlington ch	15 00	<i>Pby of Neosho</i> —Fort Scott ch	5 50
<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —Camden 2d ch	15 00		\$1,423 99
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Elizabeth 1st ch 115 50; Metuchin 1st ch 6 82	122 32	John N Brown, Esq, of Baltimore	125 00
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Shrewsbury ch 15; Tom's River ch 9 50	24 50	"L." of Sterling, Illinois,	100 00
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Middle Smithfield ch 10; Andover ch 1 50	11 50	A Friend in Illinois,	13 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Ewing ch	25 25	Special donation from Chester, Pa,	5 00
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Frenchtown ch 13; Forestville ch 3	16 00	Mrs Dr A O Patterson, of Oxford, Ohio,	10 00
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Wyalusing 2d ch	3 00	Miss M G Crittenden, of Cincinnati, Ohio,	5 00
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Philadelphia, April 5th, 1870.

It is requested of the Standing Committees of Presbyteries, and of Stated Clerks, that they would, at an early day, forward to the Secretary of the Fund, all recommendations of applicants for aid for the coming year, where action has been taken.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

Rev. A. C. McCLELLAND, *Cor. Secretary.*DAVID ROBINSON, Esq., *Treasurer*, Box 224, Pittsburgh, Pa.WM. MAIN, Esq., *Receiving Agent*, 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.**A Revival and the Catechism.**

To those of our church who take special interest in the work of the General Assembly's Committee on Freedmen, the name of Rev. Joseph Williams, of Liberty Co., Ga., is familiar; and having had opportunity of late to see a good deal of him at his home and among his people, we still carry with us the feeling that he is a remarkable man; and were we to publish a brief history of his life, which we took from his own lips, others, we think, would be of the same opinion. But to his improvement of a revival with the catechism, in a late letter he writes:—

"I have been engaged day and night for the last two weeks up to this present day preaching and introducing the Assembly's Catechism. I have long wished for the time to come when that blessed book would be introduced into our congregations, but failed to find persons interested enough in the congregation to take hold of it until since the revival commenced. I take the Assembly's Catechism for the closing part of my evening services, and intend to continue until I infuse it throughout the whole church. I have at present thirty odd anxious inquirers at the Midway Church, and at Pleasant Grove Church there are fourteen. I find it of infinite importance that they should know what God is, that they may serve him acceptably." A little later he writes, "and now a word of

Encouragement

to the Committee, and to the General Assembly at large, which under God was appointed to direct such an organization for the elevation of the poor downtrodden freedmen of the South—ever blessed be his name! Brethren, your labours of love are not in vain, for the freedmen are improving fast, and amid all the disadvantages and failure in crops, they are able to purchase for themselves land, and build their little huts to make their families comfortable in, and, at the same time, to hold on to their religious integrity. This is truly a day of wonders among us, such as the visitation of the Divine Spirit accompanying the simple preaching of the word to the youth and children of our congregation in answer to prayer." . . . "There are fifty odd anxious inquirers now in our congregation. This is an unusual thing, and the work still goes on. I only wish that some kind brother North would come out South and refresh us, and be refreshed." . . . "Brethren, pray for us."

An Incident.

A devoted female teacher in Virginia narrated to us that having had a few idols sent her from China, by the Rev. Hunter Corbett, she made her Sabbath-school scholars—old and young—a missionary talk; that the old people were moved to tears; and that in their prayers, at the next Sabbath's prayer-meeting, there was a marked reference to foreign missions.

Many, we judge, are accustomed to think that a good degree of intelligence and mental culture is necessary in order to *appropriateness* even in prayer; but here we have it, in these simple-hearted coloured people, where *both* are wanting. The fire burned: then spake they with their lips. And why shall not the susceptibility here manifested be turned to the redeeming of Africa from paganism, and the religion of the false prophet?

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN MARCH, 1870.

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Pby of Catawba—Cameron ch 5 60; New Centre ch 1 10; Statesville ch and sch 13 20; Louisburg ch and sch 3 85; Salisbury ch 30 40; Mebaneville ch 2; Gold Hill ch 4 25; Franklinton ch 2 50; Concord ch 6 50; Charlotte ch 19 44; Greensboro' ch 6; Lexington ch 75 cts; Raleigh ch 1 59; Bethany ch 50 cts; Oakland ch 2; Logan ch 2 25; Poplar Tent ch 1; Rocky River ch 1 103 93

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Pby of Erie—First ch, Mercer 15 00

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The Committee acknowledge the following donations:—

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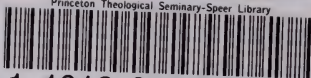
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